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BRITISH SOLDIER KILLED.
SEVERAL CIVILIANS WOUNDED.
QUEENSTOWN SHOOTING.
FREE STATE ARMY MURDER.
(Reuter's General Service.)
LONDON, March 21.
Four Free State soldiers opened fire with a machine gun against British troops landing at Queenstown on leave.
Twelve were killed and injured.
Shots were fired at H.M.S. "Scylla" from a motor car, the occupants shouting "Up Tobin!"
[Colonel Tobin is one of the officers leading the Free State Army mutiny.]
SEVENTEEN WOUNDED.
One soldier was killed at Queenstown and seventeen were wounded, some of whom were civilians.

HOME MINERS' WAGES.
NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYERS.
MORE HOPEFUL TURN.
LONDON, March 21.
At a joint meeting of the coal owners and miners representatives convened by Mr. Shinnell, Minister of Mines, the points at issue were discussed.
Another meeting has been arranged for March 25 to enable the miners' representatives to report fully upon the situation to a delegate conference on March 30.
Both parties reported to Mr. Shinnell what took place to-day, and it is understood the situation has taken a hopeful turn.

SHIPYARDS KEEP GOING.
LOCKOUT THREAT DEFERRED.
LONDON, March 21.
The threatened lockout in the shipyards has been temporarily deferred as the outcome of to-day's meeting at Carlisle, the Employers' Federation recognising that the workers' federation is doing its best to persuade the Southampton strikers to resume work and agreeing to adjourn until March 26 to enable further efforts to be made.
The employers also offered arbitration by an industrial court failing mutual agreement.

HOME OF THE CALIPH.
CALCUTTA, March 21.
The Khilafat Conference has passed a resolution favouring Turkey as the seat of the Khalifate as the strongest Islamic Government, and declaring that if the present Turkish Government desires to follow a course prejudicial to holding the Khalifate, Muslims all over the world must remind the Turks of the necessity of reforming and take all steps to that end.

STEAMER MISHAPS.
MALTA, March 21.
The American steamer "Steel Voyager" from Kobe and Singapore to New York, has arrived here for repairs to her steering gear which is defective.
COPENHAGEN, March 21.
The Swedish motor vessel "Fornessa" from Vladivostok with copra has arrived here and is in port.

HOCKEY DINNER.
ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.
On Thursday night at the Cricket Club, the Hockey Club held their annual dinner, which proved a fine success. The dinner was well attended by both members and well wishers of the Club. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. Tadpole, and the menu was as follows:
Hors d'Oeuvres—a few shots at goal; Potage; Bally off; Polonaise; "nicely placed"; Hacked; skin of beef; "A very bad foul"; Sticks; Pudding (Heavy going); Framage; a la Pickering; Dessert; Inter-port; Liquid Malt and Liqueurs (assorted club colours).
Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.A.C., president of the Club proposed the health of the King. This was followed by Mr. B. D. Evans proposing the health of "Our Guests." Colonel Robertson and Commander Worthington spoke for the guests, each making a suitable little speech.
Lieut. Col. Bird proposed the health of the Secretary, saying a

ABE AND MORRIS.
STILL MAKING HONGKONG LAUGH.
Everybody who has seen "Potash and Perlmutter," the notable film now showing at the Coronet Theatre, agrees that it is one of the most enjoyable pictures ever shown in the Colony. There are those indeed who claim that it marks a new era in screen progress, because it breaks away from existing traditions. In this the author himself has had a free hand in helping the producer and the principal parts are all played by the same actors who created them for the speaking stage. Primarily the picture is a comedy, but there is just enough suspense to make it thoroughly human. "Potash and Perlmutter" is not only a picture that you can enjoy while the two farious partners are quarrelling and laughing their way through life's adventures—it is also a picture you can think over weeks after still with the greatest pleasure. That is a tribute that cannot be paid to very many pictures.

GETTING READY.
LONDON, March 21.
Both the varsity crews are now practising at Putney for the boat race on April 5. Oxford this afternoon had the first full course trial at Putney. Conditions were fairly favourable. There was no wind, with a fair tide and good water. The time 19.29 was a satisfactory performance.

UNREST IN PERSIA.
REPUBLICAN HANKERING.
TEHRAN, March 21.
The Shah's long absence in Europe has strengthened the movement in favour of a republic in Persia. Even the Conservatives in the Majlis are inclining to this, but there is still considerable Royalist sentiment among the population.
An anti-Republican crowd, overcoming police resistance, entered the Majlis and pulled down the flag and flag staffs. They beat the Republican speakers. The police were reinforced and restored order.
The leader of the Progressives in the Majlis has submitted for urgency decision proposals with regard to a change of regime and a revision of constitutional laws.

EPINARD FOR AMERICA.
LONDON, March 21.
M. Pierre Wertheimer, owner of Epinard, has informed Reuter that he has contracted to run Epinard in three races in America in September and October.
He expected the horse to sail at the beginning of July.
With regard to Ascot nothing definitely had been settled. M. Wertheimer expects to rug him there, but at present is not certain what he possibly not the Gold Cup.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, March 24th, 1924, at 4 o'clock, precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1923.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club, called in pursuance of a requisition by more than 20 resident members, will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, immediately after the yearly general meeting.

As set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.
By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 27th March, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1924.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1924, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.
Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, March 28th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS 1924.

MEMBERS' Season Tickets are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th March 1924.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

FROM 1st April 1924 until further notice the price of current for Lighting and Fans will be reduced to 16 cents per unit.
Discounts will remain as before.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

BILLIARDS.

HO KAM TONG CUPS.

PALACE HOTEL.

ENTRIES for the Annual Billiard Handicap, Ho Kam Tong Cups valued at \$300 will close on 25th March, 1924.

1st Prize Cup Valued ... \$175.00
2nd do. do. do. ... 75.00
3rd do. do. do. ... 50.00
Entrance Fees \$3.00 to go to Local Charities.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1924.



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MAIL WEEK NEWS
ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

For grossly overcharging for a child's coffin, ordered by a warrant officer of the King's Dragoons, stationed in the occupied area, a Cologne undertaker was fined \$55 sterling by the British Summary Court.

Convicted in the Western Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, attempted a general escape. A fight with the guards and police ensued, and lasted for a couple of hours, during which ten men were employed. The prisoners were finally subdued and ordered restored. Two guards were killed.

For his services to M. Venizelos, Professor Vazquez, the French heart specialist, has put in a bill of \$1,400, which Mme. Venizelos, who is reported to possess a fortune of over \$2,000,000, paid at once. The Greek income tax collector is demanding share of the fee.

The question of the powers of the Home Secretary was raised in an application for a writ of habeas corpus, calling upon the police at Lonsdale Street to deliver up Mrs. Eva Bressler, who was being kept in custody pending deportation. The rule was granted and made returnable at an early date.

In a statement issued by the Minister of Health it is announced that, subject to the approval of Parliament, grants of the prescribed basis will be made for the further development of schemes dealing with maternity and child welfare, tuberculosis, the welfare of the blind, and port sanitation.

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ANNUAL GATHERING OF MEN OF SUSSEX

With their president, Viscount Fitz-Alan of Derwent, in the chair, the "Men of Sussex" held their annual dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel last month. There was a large attendance of members and their guests, the company including many ladies. Amongst those present were: Mr. A. Anscombe, Major H. E. Mathews, Mr. J. Cockett, Mr. H. Case, Mr. H. Clifton, Mr. H. D. Duke, Mr. A. G. Cross, Mr. A. Roads, Mr. J. A. Harfield, Mr. Alderman Harold Trill, Mr. P. G. Killick, Mr. A. M. Dennis (chairman of Council), Mr. C. E. Groom (vice-chairman) Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Wilcockson, Mr. F. W. Bott, Mr. P. Battersby, Mr. H. T. Coner (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Jennings (assistant hon. secretary), and others.

Mr. J. Adams, a member of the Corporation of London, gave the toast of the evening: The County and Men of Sussex, and eulogised the Old County, asserting that its motto: "Wunt be druv" expressed the rugged independence of its inhabitants. Their hospitality was proverbial, and their seaside resorts—Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings—were unapproachable for their health-giving qualities.

Lieut. Colonel W. R. Campion, M.P., replying, referred to the glories of the Sussex Downs, and said that the beauties of the scenery of the county had a great influence on the character of its people. He also referred with pride to the prowess of the Sussex men in the campaign in Gallipoli.

Major W. W. Grantham, K.C., L.C.C., submitted the toast of "Kindred County Associations," in his reply to which Major Richard Rigg mentioned that there were thirty county societies, nineteen of which were associated with the English Counties Societies' Conference, in the formation of which Mr. H. T. Coner and Mr. P. G. Killick had played an important part.

The health of The President was proposed by Mr. F. Woolton Isaacson.

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5 minutes	5 cents
10 minutes	10 "
15 minutes	15 "
20 minutes	20 "
25 minutes	25 "
30 minutes	30 "
35 minutes	35 "
40 minutes	40 "
45 minutes	45 "
50 minutes	50 "
55 minutes	55 "
60 minutes	60 "
65 minutes	65 "
70 minutes	70 "
75 minutes	75 "
80 minutes	80 "
85 minutes	85 "
90 minutes	90 "
95 minutes	95 "
100 minutes	1.00

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BARRIE'S PUZZLE.

MYSTERY OF AUTOGRAPH WARNING.

Sir Philip Gibbs' in his *Adventures in Journalism*, describes an episode in the visit which Sir James paid to the front during the war. "Barrie," he writes, "was very shy, ill at ease, and silent, but a gleam of the familiar Barrie drollery showed itself when, after a visit to the war correspondents' quarters, he was asked to write something in the visitors' book. He thought gloomily for a moment, then wrote: 'Beware of a dark woman with a large appetite.'"

Now imagine that what Barrie really wrote was: "Beware of a pale woman with a large appetite." It is my belief that whenever Sir James is asked to "write something" in a visitors' book, or an autograph album he obliges with this "cryptic" warning against a "pale" woman (she always has been a pale woman previously) "with a large appetite."

One day, after he had become renowned, one of the fair members of the family of close friends asked him to write in her autograph album. Barrie pondered for a moment and then wrote: "Beware of a pale woman with a large appetite." My friend privately thought Barrie's little improvisation, as she then considered it, to be "no great shakes." She discovered, some time afterwards that he had also written in the album of one of her friends.

When Sir James went to St. Andrew's University to assume the Lord Rectorship, in which he has just been succeeded by Mr. Kipling, he told, at a dinner given in his honour, of having recently been asked by a lady to write in her autograph book. "I wrote," he said, "Beware of a pale woman with a large appetite." The lady didn't know what this meant, and I could not explain, but we agreed that it must mean something.

Yes, but what?

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs in the 1st March 1924.

RESERVOIR	LEVEL	STORAGE
1. Upper Reservoir	121.00	1,200,000
2. Lower Reservoir	118.00	1,100,000
3. Middle Reservoir	115.00	1,000,000
4. New Reservoir	112.00	900,000
5. Old Reservoir	110.00	800,000
6. Small Reservoir	108.00	700,000
7. Very Small Reservoir	105.00	600,000
8. Tiny Reservoir	102.00	500,000
9. Minute Reservoir	100.00	400,000
10. Droplet Reservoir	98.00	300,000

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in gallons and decimals of gallon during the month of February, 1924.

DAY	GALLONS	DECIMALS
1	1,200,000	0.00
2	1,100,000	0.00
3	1,000,000	0.00
4	900,000	0.00
5	800,000	0.00
6	700,000	0.00
7	600,000	0.00
8	500,000	0.00
9	400,000	0.00
10	300,000	0.00

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DAY	GALLONS	DECIMALS
11	200,000	0.00
12	100,000	0.00
13	50,000	0.00
14	20,000	0.00
15	10,000	0.00
16	5,000	0.00
17	2,000	0.00
18	1,000	0.00
19	500	0.00
20	200	0.00

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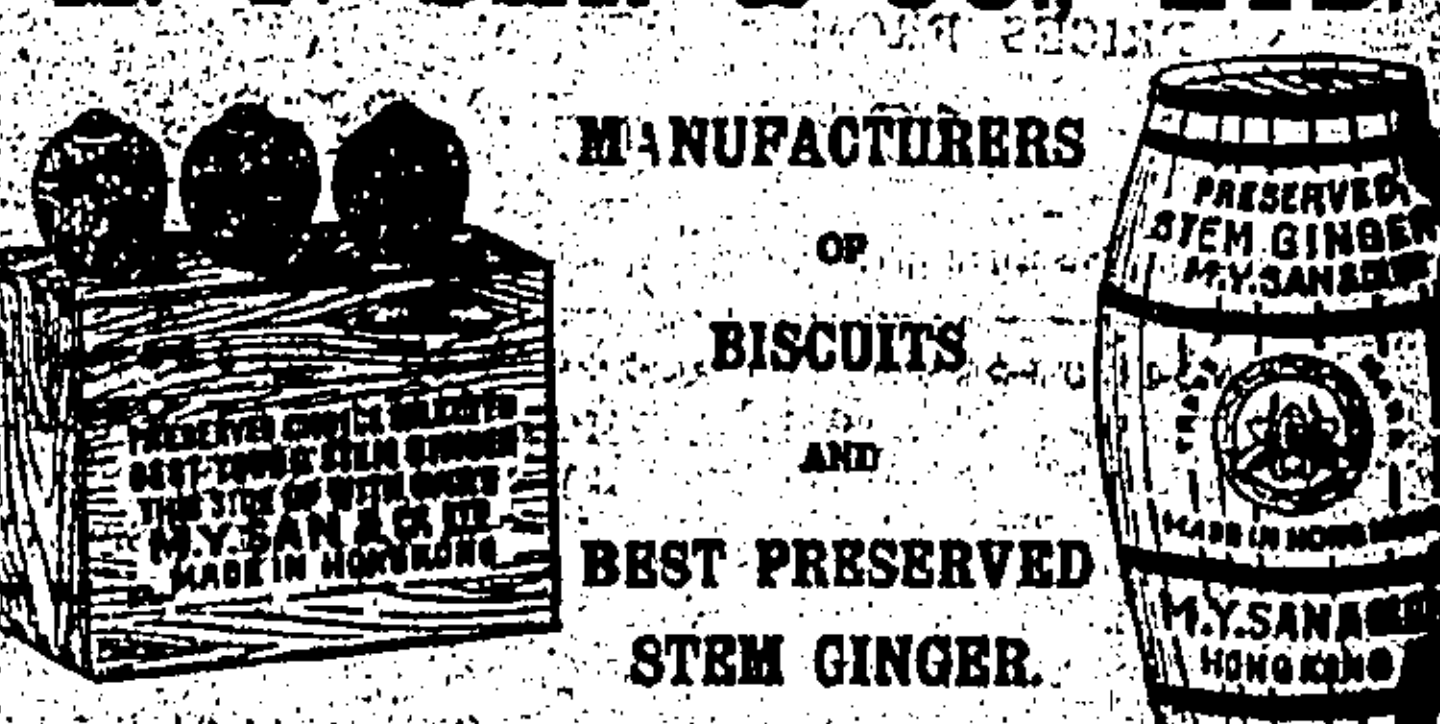
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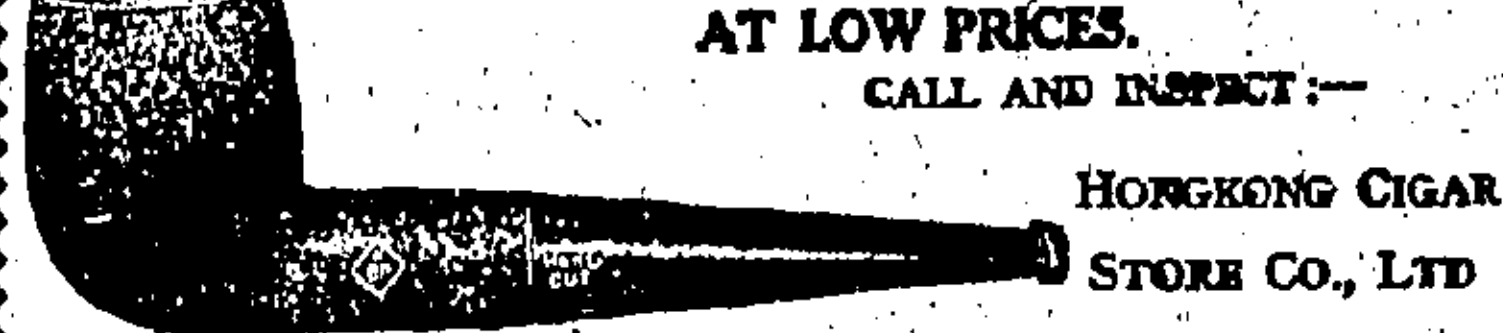
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HONGKONG SATURDAY, MAR. 22, 1924.

"THE SAME OLD GANG."

We seem to remember hearing or reading something to the effect that the work of the world is done by a few. If we believe all we hear, the work of this Colony is done by a few; only it is not so politely put. "The same old gang" are the words, used and the reiteration of them on all possible occasions, make us wonder if there is any truth in them. The latest to draw attention to the matter is the correspondent who addressed us yesterday on that one day wonder of a topic: "Where the Church Falls." He is good enough to guide his bitter pill and to make it more palatable than it otherwise would be. According to this writer "The same old gang, with every good intention, seems to run Hongkong," and, he adds, "very little encouragement is given to young men and women to take an active part in public affairs." That is an accusation which needs proving and answering, and in the present state of feeling, when our proceedings seem more parochial than elsewhere, a difficult matter with which to deal. In business circles we may well say, with due deference, that "the same old

gang" direct things. A glance at the names of those who constitute Directorates of public companies proves this. We can only say that they appear to do their work exceedingly well, and the present solidified position of all our companies is proof positive of that. Our correspondent was not thinking of that aspect to which his charge might easily be directed, but to those bodies in the Church and in what may be termed public service, which seem to be dominated by "the same old gang." No names of course are mentioned—good taste probably prevents an assertion that so and so ought to be ousted and allow others to share the burdens. The difference between Boards of Directorates and Committees of honorary organizations, is that membership of the one entails work without payment. Candidates for that kind of post are likely to be rare, and the attraction of it can only be to those whose zeal for public or private service is such as to give them the desire to spend time in helping out whatever needs attention. There is a distinct feeling in some quarters that certain things can only be run by people living in exalted areas, and there is evidence to prove this. It is not perhaps within our province to point out to certain bodies how they might run their organizations, but we shall not be out of place in suggesting that his feeling of "the same old

gang" is very real, and that no harm would be done by those concerned making a real attempt to ally it. Public Service, it seems to us is at a low ebb. Perhaps the form of Government under which we live is accountable for it. But there is also evidence that given a good cause, those whom we may dub democrats, are able and willing to forward them on their own initiative and without the assistance of that actual or faintly imagined "Same old gang."

Tributes.

When we read the eulogies on Managing Directors, Managers, and Secretaries of limited companies, uttered by Chairmen of Directors at annual meetings, we realize how much the control and direction of the work of the world is centred in the few, and what vast responsibilities those few carry. If return in the way of dividends is the criterion on which to base success in management and direction, then it must be conceded that Hongkong concerns are exceedingly fortunate in the men they have in charge. In nearly every case the tribute to individuals is extended to include the members of the staff, to whose loyalty and devotion must be ascribed the success that so far has been invariably achieved. The same thing applies almost in the case of those societies, organizations and clubs to which a number of people attach themselves. In many cases—in perhaps all—the work falls upon the shoulders of the one or two, who carry out the directions of the Committee who in their turn spend themselves in giving counsel and bestowing a watchful eye on the interest committed to their care. The services given are generally honorary; no fee or reward is expected for work done very often with an expenditure of time that can ill be spared. It is then at the annual meetings that we hear of them and their work and come to realize how much is being done and how well.

Winnie.

If the cannibal's dictum is true that you can't keep a good man down, there is still hope for Winston Churchill who on several occasions has sought to re-enter Parliament, without success. His latest venture has the romance about it that appeals to the public. To be acclaimed the victor of an interesting contest, and to receive congratulations, and then to have the news falsified, is indeed a trying ordeal. Winston has always, so it seems, been in the limelight of publicity. His is the pugnacious character and we glean something of it when we realize that he and the late Lord Kitchener were not exactly friends. In whatever role he has adopted—War correspondent, artist, writer of books, parliamentary candidate, or speaker of biting phrases, Winston Churchill has always been prominent. His escape from Pretoria during the Boer war was an epic of that contest—a piece of daring beyond the ordinary. Next he appears as a Tory Parliamentary Candidate, fearless in the criticism of his own party and leader until it becomes necessary for him to "Cross the floor." He is credited—or debited with, the Antwerp expedition during the war, and the Gallipoli Campaign. And now he appears as a Galahad tilting at a socialist regime which he regards as the country's danger. It would not be safe to say what the future of this somewhat impetuous character will be. Old Moore, or some other foolish person, predicted him as Prime Minister. Not yet—and never, some will fervently hope.

DICKENS.

Just as Germany has adopted Shakespeare, so it seems in America going to adopt Charles Dickens. It is certainly interesting to read that there is a Dickens Fellowship in America, and that enthusiasts there are so imbued with the love of Dickens and his immortal work that they meet to celebrate the anniversary of his birth. On February 7 last 250 "lovers" attended a birthday dinner and listened to words showing "Dickens as a great humanitarian, a lover of truth, and a warrior against evil." At the same time the London Fellowship met, and paid similar tribute. Mr. T. P. O'Connor said: "Charles Dickens had drawn portraits that had passed into the thoughts and language of all the world—Pickwick, Micawber, Sam Weller, Sergeant Buzfuz, Mrs. Gamp. These are beings, things of action, more known to the world—and would

remain so—than the hundreds of millions of real human beings, living and dead, that had traversed this earth. We might well be satisfied in our national pride in being able to claim in Dickens one of the supreme and lonely geniuses of the world. Mr. O'Connor's other contention will readily be accepted when he understood Dickens' vision and his sympathy with the masses of mankind. Dickens was born 112 years ago and these Fellowships do more than meet once a year. For instance, his birthplace Fellowship gave a test to 1,000 poor and crippled children. There are 13 branches of the Fellowship in America, four in Canada, five in Australia—and none in Hongkong.

We understand the architect who designed the Taj Mahal hotel in Bombay committed suicide, because he got his plans mixed up and built the place the wrong way about, facing the town instead of the sea. This act (the suicide) was of course a work of supererogation for the building still remains as does the story. Perhaps some of our Hongkong architects will please note. When we gaze at certain buildings we shall think of this Bombay architect. Example, they say is better than precept, but evidently not where architects are concerned.

Wonderful indeed have been the results of wireless, more particularly in bridging distances. The latest example of it to come to our notice is that of the wireless communication established between two schoolboys, one of the Mill Hill School, England, and the other of a school near Philadelphia, who got "acquainted" by means of their sets. The signals were more and it is said to be the first time that American and English educational establishments have talked by wireless. This is all right so far it goes, but the curious-minded will now want to know what the boys talked about!

The reason ventured the other day for rejoicing that the Conservative Cabinet had fallen must be considered novel. A leading cartoonist has declared his joy in that the change has provided him with more cartoon material than he enjoyed before. Stanley Baldwin with his pipe was an asset and so was Curzon with his halo of superiority. But with these it finished. Now the artist has Ramsey MacDonald, J. R. Clynes, Margaret Bondfield, Sidney Webb, and others to draw on.

One interesting thing has come light in connection with the opening of King Tutankhamen's tomb, and that is that the belief that no one would ever be any the wiser. It has taken many centuries to prove that it takes more than thousands of years and tons of earth to hide the mute evidences of dishonesty. We hope this fact will be brought to the notice of some of our Hongkong contractors.

or a little of it is said to be a dangerous thing. It must be this belief that prompts limited companies not to issue lists of their shareholders. So far as we know, only one company issues such a list to those attending its annual meeting, and this is the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. We have perused it with interest and noted the almost equal proportion of European and Chinese shareholders. We looked for its name, but could not see it. Someone has blundered!

To-day's Poem.

(Outdoor Rhymes.)
With vibrant note is heard again
The call of the great outdoors:
With stirring strain it wakes me
This call of the out-of-doors.
With wondrous beauty here and there,
With bud and blossom sweet and fair,
With nature smiling everywhere,
Call gladly the great outdoors!
In triumph comes from far and near,
The call of the great outdoors.
In raptured bliss we love to hear
This call of the out-of-doors.
With quickened hopes that soar and soar,
With joy that thrills us more and more,
With boundless thanks we praise
God for
The call of the great outdoors!
—Stokes Anthony Bennett.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 22
1798. I spent the morning in stargazing and hanging out lanterns. It was very cold. Dorothy Wordsworth.

A FACT.

A really pretty girl always looks best in something at two-pence half-penny the yard, and really plain ones look their worst in silk and velvet.
—J. M. Barrie.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 22—Coronet Theatre: "Potash and Perlmutter."
March 22—Star Theatre: Chafalo and Palermo.
March 22—World Theatre: Priscilla Dean in "Drifting."
March 23—Star Theatre: Kaai's Royal Hawaiian Troubadours.
March 23—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.
April 2—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORTS.
March 22—St. Joseph's College Sports at the Race Course.
March 23—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

April 2—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 24—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., Miscellaneous Goods, 10.30 a.m.

March 25—Lammert Bros. at No. 8 Gascoigne Road, Kowloon, valuable household furniture, including one Croquet Set, 2.30 p.m.

March 25—At No. 6 Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, a large assortment of hardware, 10.30 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 27—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. at Company's offices 20, Des Vaux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
March 24—Annual meeting of Members of the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 4 p.m.

March 25—Thirty-eighth yearly meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 5.30 p.m., to be followed by an extraordinary General Meeting immediately after.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Peak tram was held up for an hour this morning from 7.30 to 8.30 owing to the breaking of a slide valve rod.

A Chinese coolie was knocked down and injured by a motor-car No. 485 yesterday in Des Vaux Road, near the Wing Wo Wharf. He was sent to hospital.

The name of the Oi Kwan Knitting and Weaving Co., Ltd. has been struck off the Register, states the Government Gazette of current date.

According to a Washington cable through *Reuter's American Service*, Mr. Irving Laughlin has been appointed United States Minister to Greece.

The Band of the East Surrey Regiment is to play Rossini's "Tantum Ergo," "Gondoliers' March," and Wagner's "Meistersingers" at tomorrow evening's service in St. John's Cathedral.

Ma Lai-ching, a married woman of 128 Wanchai Road was knocked down in Leighton Hill Road yesterday by a motor car owned by Mr. Mok Kong-sang. Her injuries necessitated hospital treatment.

Leipzig, March 21—Capt. Darmont, alleged French spy chief, was sentenced to twelve years penal servitude, and a fine of five thousand gold marks. Blenz confessed that he supplied Darmont with sixty-two reports on the German Reichswehr, for which he obtained in 1922, sums aggregating one million marks. *Reuter.*

A MAIL IN.

P. & O. SHIP DUE AT TIFFIN TIME TO-DAY.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" carrying mails from Home is due to draw alongside at 10 o'clock to-day. She has the usual batch of the week's mail aboard, and brings letters and newspapers dated February 14.

The "China Mail" is informed by the General Post Office that letters will be ready about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"WHERE DOES THE CHURCH FALL?"

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—The letter of "Young but well Meaning" is very much to the point. We want a more representative government in State and Church in Hongkong; the present system of government is not altogether bad, and it has done excellent work but, for example, it would appear that in town planning there has been great lack of foresight, and this makes a man ask—"How can we make use of the visions of the young and mould them into something practical?"

In a Government why not have a Municipal Council with men and women of all nationalities in it? Let there be thirty or forty members and let them discuss or debate on Education, Town planning, etc., etc., and pass on their recommendations to the Legislative Council.

In the Church, let there be a Church Council with, say, 25 members, men and women, of all nationalities and let them pass on recommendations to a Church Body of, say, 12 to 18 members. In this Church Body there should be men and women of all nationalities. The subscription list of St. John's Cathedral shows how few people take a practical interest in Cathedral matters, most of the subscribers are either firms or people connected with and actively interested in the Church.

Where are the young men and women? Where are the representatives of all nationalities? Is any attempt made to get, for example, American, Dutch, and Chinese "Episcopals" interested in the Church? If not, why not? And if no attempt is made please ask people not to make slighting remarks about the lack of interest shown by laymen and lay-women in the Church.

An attempt to advertise the Church by a lot of "gush" about the visit of 15 bishops to Hongkong leaves me cold and has made the Church and bishops appear "cheap," but it makes me ask: In what do the bishops believe? Do they believe literally in the statements made in the Gospels? If not, in what do they believe and not believe? If yes, have they read modern statements of belief? If yes, and no—i.e. belief in some statements and non-belief in others, then cannot one ask: If you don't believe literally in the ascension into heaven and the descent into hell, is not there a very good ground for suspicion that it is not necessary to believe in, for example, belief in the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection of the Flesh? If there are errors in some statements, may there not be errors in other statements? A frank statement of belief would tend much more to re-unite than many futile "talk efforts" and would perhaps link up in the Church all or many of the new societies which are founded for the purpose of seeking after truth.

Yours etc.,
—OLD AND WELL-MEANING.

Hongkong, March 20.

THE ISLAND OF KULANGSO AS A SUMMER RESORT.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—I would suggest that "Kulangsso" as a summer resort would be an ideal spot for those who consider other places such as Wei-hai-wei and Tsingtau prove too long a journey to make a needed holiday at all promising. The island itself is situated abreast of Amoy and is governed by the Municipal Council. The present foreign population totals 200 in all including missionaries who seem contented with the existing conditions.

The point of fact which I wish to mention is the question of some party taking into consideration the probability of erecting a temporary structure on the island during the summer months within reach of the shore, where ideal arrangements for bathing could be carried out.

The temperature is quite normal compared with Hongkong ranging between 68° and 80° throughout the hot season, and apart from a little inconvenience due to the troublesome mosquitoes and the lack of proper water facilities, it is considered a healthy spot for residents.

The community have their own recreation grounds, besides which there is a hotel and two clubs on the island.

The fares to Amoy are quite moderate compared with those charged to the other parts already named, the single being \$2.00

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

To-day's "Government Gazette" notifies the following appointments that have been made—

Dr. Charles Forsyth is re-appointed a member of the Dental Board for a further period of three years, with effect from March 25, 1924.

Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith is appointed to act as a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong during the absence from the Colony of Mr. John Roskrug Wood.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry is appointed to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, with effect from March 22, 1924.

Mr. Charles Montagu Ede, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, with effect from March 22, 1924.

Lieut.-Col. Frederick Bayes, D.S.O., is appointed to act as Land Officer during the absence on leave of Mr. Philip Jacka, with effect from March 22, 1924.

Mr. H. R. Butters is appointed to act as an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and as a Deputy Registrar of Marriages, with effect from March 22, 1924.

Mr. Thomas H. Hazlerigg, M.C., is appointed to act as Crown Solicitor during the absence on leave of Mr. Harold Kennard Holmes, with effect from March 22, 1924.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A number of the leading Chinese residents of the Colony were invited to dine with H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) last night. Several Government officials were also invited.

The following is a list of the guests:—The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood (Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kowloon, Mr. W. Horne, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. North, Mr. McElderry, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Young, Mr. Nichol, Mr. An Long-hin, Mr. Chan Tanshan, Mr. Chan Yung-shan, Mr. Pok To-kai, Mr. Tung Ping-shan, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Lo Ching-ku, Mr. Li Yau-sun, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Mr. Li Po-kwai, Mr. Lau Pui-sang, Mr. Leung Pak-yu, Mr. Ma Chai-lung, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Sin Tak-fun, Mr. Shum Pak-ming, Dr. S. W. To, Mr. To Si-tun, Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, Mr. Wan Kai and Mr. Yung Tze-ming.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and Mr. Pomeroy, J.P., and Carolyn Neville, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor were present at the dinner.

and the return \$45.00. Accommodation is obtainable on any of the Douglas and B. & S. steamers whose tickets are interchangeable with each other.

I hope this idea will meet the eyes of some of our enterprising financiers.

Yours etc.,
—SUMMER.

Hongkong, March 21.

OUR TRAMS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—Permit me to insert a few lines in your valuable paper on the subject of our present electric trams in Hongkong. For some years back the public no doubt have witnessed various accidents occurring principally amongst the Asiatic class through their hazardous way of mounting and dismounting cars while in motion, especially so before the conductor has had time to stop at the different stopping points.

It would certainly prove beneficial to the safety of these unfortunate people were the Tramway Company to adopt some means or other by introducing the folding door system, mechanically operated from the conductor's stand, which in turn could be opened and closed at each stopping point on their journey to and fro.

If this system were carried out, I think it would prove satisfactory in the interest of the Company, and would also eliminate future accidents. To my knowledge most of the electric driven trams in the United States and Canada are fitted with these devices, the fact of which has no doubt minimized this question.

Thanking you for including these few lines in your issue.

Yours etc.,
—ONE OF OURS.

Hongkong, March 21.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COMPANY.

BUSINESS STEADILY EXPANDING.

Chairman's Encouraging Review.

An encouraging review of the Company's financial position and future prospects was given to the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. at their annual meeting this morning.

Mr. J. H. Taggart presided and there were present—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Messrs. J. Scott Harston and E. M. Raymond (Directors), P. H. Suckling (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. H. Birkett, R. L. Bridger, N. J. Crocker, Felix Ellis, H. J. B. Norton, W. van Eps, P. K. Kwok, Fung Tat-hang, H. J. White, A. W. Smith, W. J. Hawker, U. M. Omar, A. Nissim, H. Gittins, J. B. Bourne, B. E. Maughan, Potts, E. E. Ellis, L. A. Tobias, J. M. da Rocha. The total number of shares represented was 135,393.

The Chairman said:—"The accounts and the report of the Directors having been in your hands for the prescribed period, conforming with the Companies Ordinance, I will, with your permission and following the established procedure, take the same as read. The report of the Auditors is as follows:—

"We have audited the above account and balance sheet with the books and documents of the Head Office and the accounts and balance sheet of the Shanghai Branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson & Co. certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Auditors."

The liquidation of The Shanghai Hotels Ltd. having been effected during the year under review, this is the first occasion upon which you have been presented with the merged accounts of the amalgamated companies operating under the name of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. In the circumstances, shareholders will doubtless expect me to analyse the profit and loss account and balance sheet with a view to indicating the financial position of the merged undertaking in rather more detail than can be shown in the printed statements of account.

Finances Analysed.

Turning to the profit and loss account you will observe from the debit side that \$290,933.98 was paid in respect of interest; this sum covers such headings as interest on Shanghai acquisition account loan, together with debenture and mortgage interest in respect of both Hongkong and Shanghai, and I would point out that with the exception of our indebtedness to our bankers and two mortgages of small amounts which will be paid off during the current year, the amounts outstanding in relation to mortgages and debentures have been repaid in order to facilitate the merging of the two concerns. You will notice that Depreciation has been charged against Revenue to the extent of \$267,387.82 which, being itemized, is therefore self-explanatory. The only other item on the debit side that appears to me to call for comment is that of Bad and Doubtful Debts amounting to \$22,594.71, and I may mention that this amply provides for contingencies under this heading and, *vis a vis* the gross turnover—which in a business such as ours necessarily runs into very large figures—is, I assure you, one that need cause no undue concern.

New Shanghai Site.

Coming to the credit side of the profit and loss account, Dividends on Investments, \$49,178.72, represents dividends received, mainly in respect of our holding in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., in which undertaking our Company owns 3,534 shares or approximately sixty per cent of the issued share capital thereof. Needless to say, no credit has been taken for anticipated dividends accrued. Profit on sale of Investments, \$100,938.86, is accounted for by the disposal of satisfactory rates of certain shares which, in the opinion of your Board, were no longer necessary in the interests of the Company to be retained. A credit of \$4,329.74 shown as profit on sale of property, resulted from the disposal of the undertaking of the Shanghai Sanitary Laundry in Shanghai, and of the land and property on the Shanghai, Canton, purchased in 1922 and sold in the early part of last year as referred to by the Chairman at the last year's general meeting; in this latter connection you will doubtless recall that the site, suitable as it was for a small hotel, had this

disadvantage—that it would not permit future extension; therefore, as a satisfactory offer for the property was forthcoming and a more suitable site at that time became available, your Directors disposed of the former property and acquired Lots 18 and 24 on the French Concession, Shanghai, of an area of approximately 25,000 square feet and situated immediately opposite the main bridge.

The net balance of profit and loss account (which includes the sum of \$25,714.10 brought forward from the year 1922) is, as you will note, \$1,068,700.15, and as the balance of profit and loss account is quite naturally regarded as an index to the prosperity of a Company's business, your Board trust that you will consider the results achieved in the course of the past financial year as being entirely satisfactory. You will observe from the balance sheet the issued capital of the Company was increased to \$3,750,000 during the year. This was occasioned by the issue of 17,550 shares at par to the holders of the balance of the issued share capital of The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. in order to give effect to the agreement for amalgamation between The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. and The Hongkong Hotel Company Ltd.

Loans and mortgages stand at \$5,510,811.39, principally by reason of the acquisition of practically ninety per cent of the shares in The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. and the necessity of retiring the debenture issue and the mortgage of that Company upon the transfer of the assets and liabilities to this Company in Hongkong. The figure referred to also includes the cost of redemption of the debentures of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. outstanding on the 30th June last.

Overdraft Instead of Debentures.

You will no doubt recollect it was the intention of your Directors to float, early this year, a debenture issue of 50 lakhs at seven per cent per annum covered by the hypothecation of the central properties owned by this Company both in Hongkong and the Northern port. Such action would have enabled the Board to pay off the debenture issue and mortgages of The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. and the Company in Hongkong and thus to consolidate the indebtedness in one liability in the amount of \$5,000,000. In this connection, our bankers undertook to underwrite the whole of the proposed issue, however, on reconsidering the matter, it was deemed more advantageous for the Company to enter into other arrangements with the result that the position now is that we are granted facilities with our bankers to the extent of an overdraft in a similar amount. As we shall be able to reduce the amount of our overdraft from time to time whenever a credit balance is shown on our current account, I am confident that shareholders will appreciate the undoubted advantage which will accrue to the Company from these arrangements, effecting as they will a considerable saving in interest—and this the more so as our cash turnover is a larger one, and that as a result of the new issue of share for share at par we shall be due to receive \$3,750,000 by the 30th June next.

Reserves Approach \$5,000,000.

Reserves stand at \$4,953,767.48, of which amount the construction and development reserve accounts for five lakhs, and the general reserve for ten lakhs, the latter having been increased from 7½ lakhs by the transfer of 2½ lakhs from the profits for the year. It may here be as well for me to draw your attention to the fact that the allocations in respect of the balance of profit and loss account which your Board recommend for the year under review have, in anticipation of your approval, been incorporated in the printed Balance Sheet, as it was considered preferable from the shareholders' point of view that the printed accounts should set forth comprehensively what the financial position of the Company will be after the proposed distributions in respect of the year 1925 have been effected.

Reverting to the figures before you, I would point out that land and building reserve stands at \$3,453,767.48 and that this is chiefly due to the fact that in view of the merging of the Companies, your Board deemed it advisable to have the properties re-valued by independent valuers and, such valuations having been made, the appreciation in book value thereof has been transferred to the credit of the land and buildings reserve. As a consequence of this, the annual depreciation to be charged in our accounts in respect of buildings will be based upon the residual life value thereof in

accordance with the valuations recently made.

Company's Assets.

Turning now to the assets side of the balance sheet, land and buildings are represented by figures based upon the valuations to which I have just referred, and, if I may be permitted to say so, I think such valuations have been arrived at on conservative lines. Leasehold properties \$1,490,950 in respect of Palace Hotel property in Shanghai which we hold under a lease which is not due to expire for thirty-two years, and, at the expiration of that period we have the option of purchase. Furniture and fixtures, linen, crockery, and glassware, etc. are all based upon conservative figures. Investments \$269,854.85 stand in our books at cost and I dare say that you will have noted that with the exception of the small item of \$2,337.10 we have no money invested in any business other than that in which we ourselves are engaged. Payments on account of construction in progress \$278,750.52 is accounted for by payments on account of work which is proceeding in connection with the construction of the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon, the Shanghai Hotel at Canton, and our new Garage at Happy Valley. The other items being self-explanatory, I venture to think it unnecessary for me to offer any comments in connection therewith. I may add, however, that as from the 15th of November last we have acquired the business and general assets, etc. of the Hotel Kalee in Shanghai, which previously, although the actual property was owned by The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., had been leased by them to the Grand Hotel Kalee, Ltd.

Doubtful Assets Liquidated.

Before closing my remarks in relation to the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet, I desire to point out that the doubtful assets with which The Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. was encumbered have now been satisfactorily liquidated; consequently, it is gratifying to your Directors to be able to present to you a balance sheet that does not include any assets of a doubtful nature, the matters which caused them a certain amount of uneasiness during the past two years having been finally disposed of before the close of the last financial year, in which connection I should like to avail myself of this opportunity of expressing to the gentlemen who constitute our Advisory Committee and to our General Manager in Shanghai our appreciation of their valuable advice and assistance, which have contributed in no small degree to this very satisfactory state of affairs.

Business Expanding.

Whilst the results of our operations during the year 1925 are reflected in the accounts before you, it will doubtless add to your satisfaction to know that the business of the Company is steadily expanding on sound progressive lines, and there is no doubt that the amalgamation which has been effected will result in the economy prophesied by my predecessor in this Chair. You may, moreover, rely on your Board to leave nothing undone to administer the affairs of the merged undertaking in the most economical manner consistent with proper maintenance and efficiency.

Various alterations and additions were effected during the year, the most outstanding of which was the construction of the new ball room in the Astor House Hotel at Shanghai, opened on the 22nd December last, and it will interest you to be assured that this addition has already, by the patronage extended to it, been proved fully justified. In Hongkong alterations and improvements were effected in the Hongkong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel of a nature that will undoubtedly augment the earning powers of these establishments. I may mention, *en passant*, that during the past year we served in the Hotels under our management no less than 1,486,000 meals exclusive of outside catering, with the result that it was found necessary considerably to extend the dining space, in most of our establishments, in order to cope with the constantly increasing demands made upon us in this direction.

The Shanghai Majestic.

The major portion of the construction programme in Shanghai has been in connection with the property acquired last year from the McBain Trust. This property is in course of conversion and it is anticipated that it will be ready to be opened in the third quarter of the present year. I have every confidence that on completion the Majestic Hotel will enable us to present to our patrons an establishment offering a degree of accommodation and service equal to the leading Hotels in Europe and America whilst the building and the extensive grounds in which it is situated will provide for Shanghai a property worthy of and in keeping with its importance as the premier commercial centre of North China.

Peninsula Hotel Progress.

In Hongkong, work on the construction of the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon is proceeding satisfactorily, and we are promised by our architects that the plan will be completed by the end of April and that thereafter the actual

construction work will proceed with rapidity. On completion of this establishment, Hongkong will be equipped with an hotel second to none between Suez and the Pacific Coast, and the Company will be in a position to offer both to the local resident and to the transient guest up-to-date accommodation and service at rates well within the range of the average purse.

Plans have already been drawn up for erection of the Shampee Hotel, and work will be commenced upon the construction thereof in the immediate future. In this connection I can only repeat my remarks in reference to the Peninsula Hotel, with, however, this addition—that the Shampee building will naturally be of more modest dimensions.

New Motor Garage.

Our Garage Department, I am pleased to state, has shown an increase in turnover, notwithstanding the advent of competitive means of automotive transit, but we have for some time past unfortunately been severely handicapped by the lack of adequate garage facilities in which to house the modern plant necessary to cope with ever-increasing demands upon our repairs department, and your Board therefore took the opportunity of acquiring a very suitable site at Happy Valley, comprising some 16,000 square feet. On this site a modern garage capable of housing 150 cars, and providing for up-to-date body-building, repair and painting shops, is in course of construction. We have already received numerous applications for permanent accommodation in the new premises, which will be situated at the converging point of what in the course of the next few years will undoubtedly be one of the main arteries of the new road to Repulse Bay via Woong-wei-chung Gap, we look forward with pleasure to anticipate to being in a position to considerably lower the charges for transportation to the south side of the Island and to render an efficient and more frequent service to our patrons.

Hongkong Hotel Reconstruction.

Speaking generally, though one naturally hesitates to prophesy as to the future, I venture to think that the results of the past year are of such an encouraging nature (bearing in mind the vicissitudes through which we have passed mainly as a result of the prejudicial effect upon our transient business by reason of the Lincheng outrage and the Japan disaster—both of which naturally very much curtailed the Autumn travel)—that we may look to the future not merely with equanimity but with a degree of confidence, more especially as with the completion of our new hotels we shall be in a position to deal with a greater volume of business and on more economical lines than heretofore. In this connection it would perhaps not be premature for me to say that your Board have in mind, when the Peninsula Hotel is completed, the reconstruction of the old portion forming the northern block of the Hongkong Hotel, that is, to say, the portion fronting Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street, with a view to erecting thereon an up-to-date establishment such as its position in the heart of the business and banking districts undoubtedly warrants and demands.

Competition Not Feared.

I was recently approached by a shareholder who appeared to be somewhat perturbed by reports of threatened competition, and I should like to take this opportunity of informing shareholders that if they will just merely glance at the balance sheet of the Company wherein the assets total \$18,298,012.60, and bear in mind the fact that it owns, in every place at which our business is established, or will be carried on, what are probably among the most centrally located and valuable sites, the majority of which were acquired years ago at rates incomparably lower than those ruling to-day, they need have no qualms in this particular connection. During its fifty-eight years

of Hotel experience in the Far East, the Company has successfully forged ahead notwithstanding competitors who have come and gone from time to time, and I trust therefore that I shall not be suspected of being over-confident if I say that our conservative policy of setting aside liberally in the matter of depreciation and transfers to reserves and at the same time maintaining and improving our properties has been mainly responsible for placing us in such a sound position to-day that the resources of the Company are such that competition need not be feared. It must not be thought, however, that we are not alive to the imperative necessity of keeping abreast of the times, but having outlined to you the various projects in the nature of improvements and extensions that are contemplated and in hand, and you yourselves being witnesses to the improvements already effected in our establishments, I think you will agree that your Board, in spite of the troubles and delays incident to all building and reconstruction work at the present time, are doing all possible to meet the requirements of an ever-growing Hotel population and the demands of a public only too ready to approve by the practical evidence of its patronage.

Tribute To Staff.

In conclusion, gentlemen, it may interest you to know that the number of employees in our organisation totals slightly over 4,000 and it is a source of gratification to know that the esprit de corps that dominates our personnel makes it the constant endeavour of every member thereof, notwithstanding the hard work and the prolonged hours of service that our business necessarily entails, to further the interests and welfare of the Company in every conceivable direction.

It is therefore with much pleasure that I now express to the staff on behalf of the Directors and, I am sure you will agree, on behalf of the Company generally, our thanks for the faithful and efficient service rendered by them during the past year which service has contributed in no small measure to the extremely satisfactory results attained. In this relation I feel confident that you will endorse the action of the Board in voting a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries to the European members of the staff and a bonus of an additional month's salary to the native staff, which, following the established custom, was paid to them at Chinese New Year. (Applause.)

"I now beg to propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be received and adopted and that the profit be allocated as recommended in the Directors' report, and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second that. When the proposition has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to put, or to furnish to the best of my ability any explanation that may be required.

The final business before the meeting was a proposal that the fee of the members of the Advisory Committee in Shanghai should be at the rate of £1,200 per annum. This was carried unanimously and the meeting then terminated. The Chairman mentioned that dividend warrants were now ready and might be had on application at the Registered Office on and after Monday.

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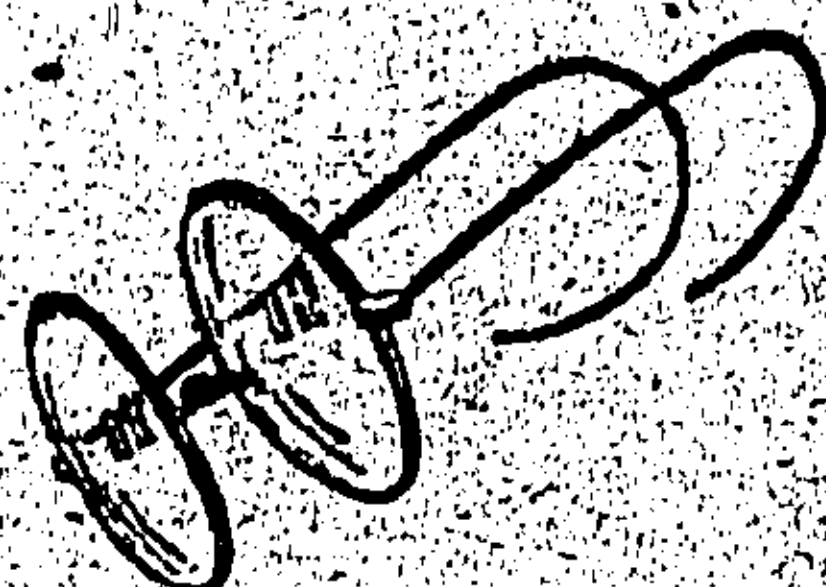
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WEDDING IN KOWLOON.**MR. A. W. ROBERTS & MISS
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Two popular members of the Kowloon community were married at St. Andrew's Church yesterday when Miss Edith Puncheon, daughter of Mr. James Puncheon, became the bride of Mr. Arthur William Roberts, son of Mrs. Mrs. Roberts and the late Mr. J. Roberts of Eastbourne England. The bridegroom has been for several years on the staff of Messrs. Lane Crawford Co.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in her dress of ivory tulle, trimmed with seed pearls and orange blossoms, with white veil; she carried a bouquet of white roses, and was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Doris Puncheon, and Miss Dorothy Goodman, who wore dresses of wedgewood blue, claret and georgette, trimmed with violets, with hats to match. Their bouquets consisted of white roses.

The Matron of Honour, Mrs. Fred Goodman, was dressed in pale blue figured silk, with black and silver lace hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. T. R. Remett attended as "best man," and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, after which a reception was held at the Kowloon Hotel, where the happy couple received the congratulations of their many friends. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left for the Repulse Bay Hotel, the bride's going-away dress being a three-piece suit of cream gabardine. They leave to-day for Home.

ST. STEPHEN'S SPORT.**KEEN CONTESTS AT THE
RACE COURSE.**

St. Stephen's College annual athletic meeting at the Racecourse yesterday produced many keen exhibitions. The Rev. W. H. Hewitt said at the finish that the afternoon had undoubtedly been a success and he thanked the Jockey Club for putting the ground at the disposal of the School. Mrs. S. W. Tso distributed the prizes which were won as follows:

Junior 120 yards (Champ.)—Hung Fai-cheung.
Senior 120 yards (Champ.)—Peter Young.
Open 100 yards—Peter Young.
Small Boys' 100 yards—Ko Tin-kee.

Junior High Jump (Champ.)—Hung Fai-cheung.
Senior High Jump (Champ.)—Leung Sai-wa.
Junior 220 Yards (Champ.)—Wai Kok.

Senior 220 yards (Champ.)—Peter Young.
Small Boys' Maths. Race—Tsang Wai-lok.

Junior Long Jump (Champ.)—Hung Fai-cheung.
Senior Long Jump (Champ.)—Peter Young.

Junior 440 yards (Champ.)—Cheung Yung-ying.
Senior 440 yards (Champ.)—Peter Young.

Old Boys' Race 220 yards—Lim Lay.
Small Boys' Egg and Spoon Race—Henry Chan.

Open Half Mile—The Kinn Khoun.
Three-legged Race—Alex. Lee and Ko Tin-kee.

Open Bicycle Race (1 mile)—Wm. Young.
Kindergarten Race (50 yards)—Geo. End.

Open Mile Handicap Race—The Yauw Thoon.
Visitors' 220 yards (Hongkong School)—St. Joseph's.

Open Putting The Shot—Yip Yung-kwok.
Junior Hurdle Race (Champ.)—Lam Pak-chen.

Senior Hurdle Race (Champ.)—Peter Young.
Form Five Race—Form VI.

Form Tug-of-War—Form VI.

GOOD BYE!**THE "NALDERA" SAILS.**

With about 100 passengers on board, some of whom are not expected to return to the Colony, it was only to be expected that the sailing of the "Naldera" at noon to-day, excited more than a general degree of interest. Shortly before the last lunch left Blake Pier, many friends had gathered to say the last farewells, and to wish the usual "bon voyage." There were flowers in profusion.

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GENERAL SYNOD.**CHUNG HUA SHENG KUNG
HUI.**

The fifth General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui met at Holy Trinity College, Canton, on Sunday, March 16.

On the previous evening the members of the Synod met in the main hall of the college when they were welcomed by the Bishop of Victoria and the clergy and laity of the Canton Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

On Sunday the Synod service was held in the Church of Our Saviour. Bishop Graves of Shanghai celebrated and Bishop Norris of Peking preached the Synod Sermon. Besides the members of the Synod there was also a large Chinese congregation.

On Monday morning the first session opened. The Synod sits in two Houses. The Upper House consists of the Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, Bishop Graves being Chairman and Bishop Norris Secretary. There were present nine out of the eleven diocesan bishops with Bishop Sing—Assistant Bishop of Chekiang—who is the first Chinese Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui and Bishop Banister until recently Bishop of Kwangsi, Hunan. In addition to the bishops of the Chinese Church the Upper House also had as visitors: the Bishops of Singapore, Labuan and Sarawak, and Manila, all three dioceses having evangelistic work among Chinese resident there.

The Lower House consists of 4 clerical and 4 lay representatives from each of the eleven dioceses of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. Dr. Hawkes Pott of St. John's University, Shanghai, was again unanimously re-elected as Chairman with Mr. Francis Wei of Hankow as Vice-Chairman. The Rev. S. H. Littell was re-elected as Secretary. The number of representatives attending at Canton falls short of the full number, owing to the great distances some of these elected have to travel and the difficulty of leaving their work, and also because of the unsettled state of China which has made it impossible for any representation to come from Szechuen. The other ten dioceses are all represented.

In the Lower House there are visitors from Japan, Singapore, Labuan and Sarawak and Manila who come to represent the overseas Chinese.

The business of the first day consisted in the election of officers, the appointment of certain committees and the adoption of reports of committees which have been at work since the last general Synod in 1921.

At the close of the afternoon session on Monday, the members of the Synod were the guests of the congregation of the Church of Our Saviour and were entertained in the first Public Gardens.

On Tuesday the House of Representatives continued its work of dealing with reports of committees, and a great deal of attention was given in particular to the vision of the Canon of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

The House also dealt with the work among Chinese students in Japan. Three years ago at the request of Chinese Christians in Japan and also of the Synod of the Japanese Church, Bishop Scott of Shanghai was given the oversight of the pastoral evangelistic work among Chinese in Japan. The earthquake of September 1st stopped the work in Tokyo and Yokohama, and the question of what steps should be taken to reorganise this was brought up by a visiting delegate from Japan, Rev. The Hon. O. St. M. Forester. The matter was finally left to the Board of Missions to settle at a later session.

BIG PRESS MERGER.

LONDON, March 21.

It is official announced that the directors of Hulton and Co. have accepted the offer of Sir William Berry, and J. Gomer Berry for the sale to them of the Manchester branch of the company's business, including the "Daily Dispatch Evening Chronicle," "Sporting Chronicle," "Sunday Chronicle," "Empire News," "Athletic News," and a number of other periodicals.

The new company has been formed to take over the above-mentioned properties, also to acquire the "Sunday Times."

It is understood that on the completion of the purchase of the above properties, the debentures will be valued at approximately four millions, but those issued by the "Daily Mail" trust last October will be redeemed.—Reuter.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.**HONGKONG YARN MARKET.**

Messrs. Polakow and Kistwall, cotton and yarn brokers, report as follows under date March 21:—
In our last circular dated February 27 per Sir "Tanda" we reported the closing tone as being badly affected by the heavy decline of American Cotton. Since then our yarn market has experienced heavy decline all round, with scarcely any business passing during the greater part of the intervening period, the dealers being more anxious to liquidate their own former holdings and to cut their losses, rather than enter into new commitments.

At the close, importers seem to be eager sellers, and by conceding as much as \$15 per bale, succeeded in inducing buyers to contract for a few selected chops of No. 40s. for the Yunnan market. No. 12s. still remain out of favour, only a very small business coming under our notice at prices about \$7 lower than previously.

The mills in Bombay are still almost all closed owing to the strike. Total Sales 3,200 bales.

Unsold stocks 6,000 bales.
Bargains in Chinese hands, 3,800 Bales.

Shanghai.—is in about the same state as we are, only a very small business being reported at declining rates.

Japanese Yarn.—is quoted lower all round as the under-mentioned rates will show. 800 Bales Nagasaki No. 20s. at \$258/264; 800 Bales 3 Horses No. 16s. at \$246; 800 Bales 3 Horses No. 20s. at \$277; 1,200 Bales Yellow Jose No. 20s. at \$253/258; 1,200 Bales Setu No. 10s. at \$227; 1,200 Bales Setu No. 20s. at \$259; 1,200 Bales Blue Fish No. 20s. at \$258.

Raw Cotton.—No Sales. Stock 100 bales. Bengal only. Quotations:—Bengal \$55 to 60 per picul Chinese \$58 to 66 per picul.

AMERICAN RAILWAY RATES.

WASHINGTON, March 21.

It is understood that the protest of the Japanese Government against the decision to allow preferential railway rates on American goods shipped in American vessels will be followed by a similar action by the Dutch Government. Other countries are expected to later make representations to the State Department, which has hitherto only indicated that complaints will receive careful consideration. The case of Japan may be complicated in view of the fact that certain Japanese steamship companies have contracts with certain railways, which they contend entitle them to the same benefits as would accrue to American vessels under section 28 of the Merchant Marine Act.—Reuter's American Service.

ROYAL DUTCH COMPANY.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.

The Royal Dutch Company has decided to issue in June ordinary shares at par to existing share holders, in the proportion of one new share for four old ones, thus increasing the ordinary capital by eighty million florins and giving shareholders a substantial bonus.—Reuter.

COTTON MILL STRIKE.

BOMBAY, March 21.

The situation with regard to the cotton mill strike is improving. About thirty mills, each employing about 500 hands, have resumed work and more are expected to follow suit.—Reuter.

KAILAN COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 8, 1924, amounted to 105,375 tons and the sales during the period to 76,947 tons.

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The SHK which left Kobe by the P. & O. s.s. "Mitra" on February 29, was delivered in Marseilles on March 21, a transit of 27 days.

**TO-DAYS
ADVERTISEMENT****ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS
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Famous Mark Twain Story.

"The Prince and the Pauper," a picturization of Mark Twain's immortal story of a boy of London's slums who rose to England's throne, is one of the outstanding photoplays of the year. It is conspicuous for many reasons, but one of its most remarkable features lies in the fact that the dual role of Edward, son of Henry VIII., and Tom Canty, the pauper, is played by a Polish boy, Tibi Lubin.

It is produced in the best manner and the spirit of Mark Twain's story is admirably sustained and the atmosphere of sixteenth century England superbly reproduced. The marvel of it is that artists of an alien race should have achieved a triumph in telling an American's story of English history.

Further than that, "The Prince and the Pauper" is an entertainment of the highest order, with a heart appeal as pronounced as the thrills brought about by the young prince who wandered from the palace in search of adventure and his heart-breaking efforts to return. The other side of the story, that of the beggar boy whose resemblance to the prince brings about an exchange of clothes, is equally absorbing; for his adventures as a prince against his will are as terrifying to him as the cut-throats and outcasts are to the real prince.

Yet "The Prince and the Pauper" is not a picture for children only. Mark Twain wrote it "for young people of all ages" and the success of his purpose is attested by the place held by the book in the literature of the world.

It is a sumptuous production with hundreds of assisting players, chief of whom is, of course, Tibi Lubin. This boy is an actor or conspicuous talent and appeal. His skill in differentiating the two widely dissimilar characters places him far ahead of the precocious children of the screen; his acting easily establishes him among the artists. He is as completely the prince as if he had stepped out of a painting, or better still, a page of history, for the Prince of Wales in the story was afterward King Edward VI. All the more remarkable is Tibi Lubin as Tom Canty, the beggar lad—cowed, beaten, unkempt. Not a trace of royal bearing; not a suggestion of the boyish dignity which makes the Prince a lovable little figure, is found when Tibi Lubin becomes Tom Canty. Many a player of mature years never achieves the child's skill in playing a dual role nor approaches Tibi's ability to make each character a separate being.

CINEMA CHATTER.

act for him. He was a close observer of studio methods during the pioneer days in which picture technicalities were perfected and worked under many of the best known directors at that time.

Gradually it became clear to him that the director was the strongest single influence in turning out the proper kind of picture. His ideas were so novel as well as artistic that the production manager at Famous Players assigned to him the making of "The Ladder of Lies." The outstanding comments which this picture received for its excellent direction prompted the men at the helm to give Forman charge of Tom Meighan's starring vehicles, "The Easy Road," "The City of Silent Men" and "White and Unmarried," all carried Tom Forman's name as director. He fulfilled the trust put in him by helping in a large measure to establish Meighan as a popular player.

When he left Famous it was to attach himself to B. P. Schulberg, president of Preferred Pictures and producer of Katherine MacDonald features. Among his films starring Miss MacDonald was "White Shoulders," in which he also played a part. Later, Schulberg has branched out into the production of special all-star features and has signed young Forman to make some of his output.

The first Forman special production under this new arrangement is "Shadows," an adaptation of Wilbur Daniel Steele's prize story, "Ching, Ching, Chinaman" and the second will be "Are You a Failure?"

Forman's success as a director is a result of his complete possession of the three essentials—a creative mind, a broad knowledge of the work and a personality which makes those under him react to his wishes. During the filming of his first all-star production which included several of the highest paid screen artists who have all been featured separately at one time or another he secured the maximum amount of good work from them all with a geniality which popularized him with the whole cast. When the company fell behind their schedule due to bad weather, Forman worked eighty-six hours at one stretch, and asked his electricians to do the same. They complied without a murmur. Those conversant with the dispositions and temperaments of studio workers know that there are few directors whose personal popularity could win them co-operation of this kind.

Forman is the ideal formula of artist and artisan. His understanding of dramatic structure qualifies him to appreciate the composition of the script he works from. He can take down a camera and put it together again as well as the most expert photographer. He thoroughly understands even the manipulation of the lights and he, they can aid him in securing the proper effects. In a word, Forman knows his business.

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The fact that the picture was made by the director of "The Four Horsemen," "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Trifling Women" is enough to assure fine artistry and high distinction. And here again Mr. Ingram has captured the true

spirit of his story. And it is the living, intense spirit of a strange tale of a strange place, peopled by men and women who feel fully all human emotions.

The exceptional merit of the production is also attested by the particularly notable cast. Alice Terry and Ramon Novarro play the leading roles. Miss Terry will be remembered for the rare ability which she displayed in "The Four Horsemen" and "The Conquering Power." Mr. Novarro, Rex Ingram's latest screen find, won the highest praise of movie-goers in "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Trifling Women." Edward Connelly and Harry T. Morey add new laurels to their distinguished reputations.

John F. Seitz, master photographer, was at the camera.

"POOR MEN'S WIVES."

Noted Director's Great Picture.

How L. J. Gasnier, the noted motion picture director, made "Poor Men's Wives," the Preferred Pictures production, which will be shown at the Coronet Theatre shortly forms a story of devotion to duty which is an interesting part of his character.

"Poor Men's Wives" contain many lavish scenes which call for hundreds of picture players. After selecting his cast for the production, Gasnier began work. At the end of the first day thousands of feet of film had been used. Gasnier was not satisfied with most of what had been taken. He started the entire scene over again on the following day.

For one week he worked on the scene. While the players had many chances to rest, he was on duty continually, using his megaphone, illustrating points by acting them himself, cheering up tired "extras." Finally he began showing signs of weakness. His physician ordered him to rest.

"Not until the production is finished," he said. It is going to be a great work. A severe cold on his lungs developed. He was threatened with pneumonia. But still he worked, night and day. And then, when "Poor Men's Wives" was completed he slept for twenty-four hours, packed his trunk and hastened to New York for a rest with his daughter.

Gasnier is one of the most impressive figures in the making of motion pictures. Born in Paris, he entered the field of motion pictures more than 20 years ago, became vice-president and general manager of Pathe Freres, and then came to the United States to head the Pathe production forces. He produced Fannie Ward features, Mrs. Vernon Castle features and then made "Kismet," in which Otis Skinner is the star.

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In the cast of "Poor Men's Wives," are such noted stars as Barbara La Marr, who appeared with Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers," and in Rex Ingram productions; David Butler, a former D. W. Griffith player; Za Su Pitts and many others.

RAMON NOVARRO.

Brilliant Future for Young Actor.

Ramon Novarro, the handsome young leading man whose admirable portrayals of important roles in the Rex Ingram production for Metro, "The Prisoner of Zenda" and in his latest, "Trifling Women," have caused critics to prophesy for him a brilliant screen career, takes his success in film very seriously. He believes in himself which is, perhaps, a true requisite for success, but he realizes that he has much to learn and is willing to work hard to attain perfection. When asked recently to what he attributed his rapid advancement he replied:—

"Of course, I realize that there was a certain amount of luck in my getting a role so important as that of Rupert of Hentzau at the very beginning, almost of my work in motion pictures. I had appeared before the camera in only two other productions. I had the leading juvenile role in 'The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam,' a picture which has not yet been released owing to litigation, but Rex Ingram had not seen me on the screen on that fateful night when he decided that I would do for the role of Rupert. So, I repeat, there was a good bit of luck in Mr. Ingram's having been at that performance of 'The Royal Fandango.'"

"I know that the work I did with the Mae Murray and Marion Morgan dancers was valuable training. Dancing gives one poise and it helps greatly in appreciating the pictorial value of one's pose before the camera and timing the movements of the body to their most effective purpose for the screen. Pictorial composition is one of the distinctive elements of Mr. Ingram's work as a director. The position of a foot, the movement of an arm I find is not too small a detail to warrant his attention when he thinks that by restraint or added action he may give greater beauty to the scene he is making."

"I had tried to find work in the studios prior to my engagement with the Morgan dancers and spent some very unhappy weeks in the effort. When I came to this country from Mexico with my little brother I determined to get into pictures. I applied at every studio for work. I sat for hours at a time on the battered benches where 'extras' await their doom."

"And," he continued, "it was the usual experience of an unknown, I suppose, but my brother and I needed food. We were about to be turned out of our lodging house and there was no work in sight. I could not write to my family for they were not at all in sympathy with my motion picture ambitions."

"In desperation, one day I made a sign and hung it outside my door. It read 'Music Teacher'—nothing more. I had studied music in Mexico, but I had never given a lesson in my life and I was a bit panicky when my first pupil put in an appearance. I didn't have to play the part of a music teacher long, though, for in a very little while I met Marion Morgan."

"I love dancing, though my experience had been limited to school parties. However, Miss Morgan wanted to make a professional of me so I journeyed to New York with her troupe. We had a year on the road, but I was anxious to get back to the West Coast, and though I knew that I might have to go through the same hardships I had endured before, still the call was too strong for me to resist."

"I did come back, and I did struggle as before and again I almost lost hope. Finally, one day, I was given an extra part. I hoped that my days of hardship were over. But they weren't. It was months before I was cast again and in the meantime I nearly starved. However, my ill luck broke with my engagement for 'The Rubaiyat' which soon was followed by my summons from Rex Ingram."

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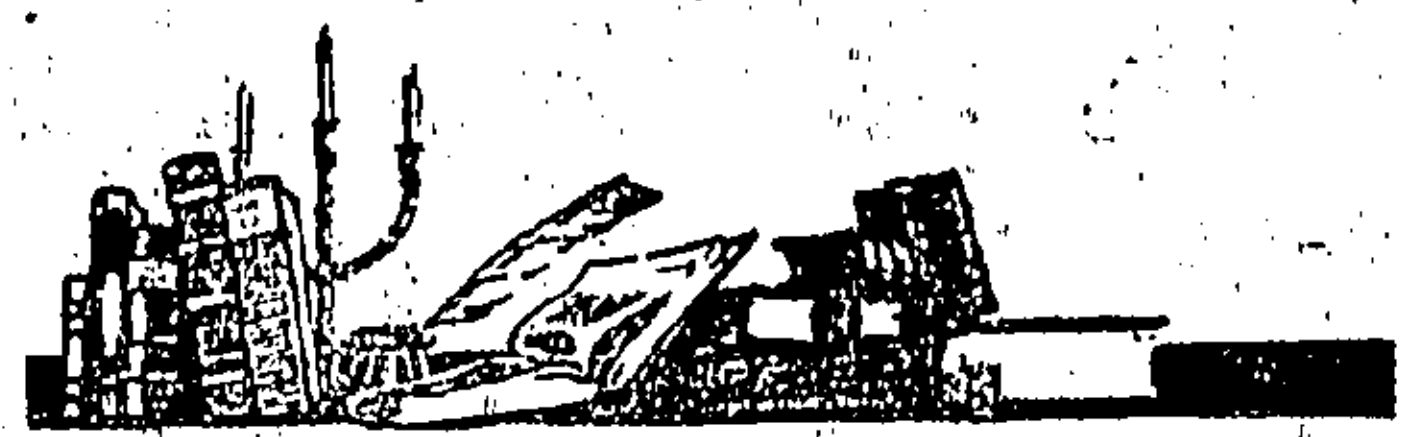
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Most of us are acquainted with those hand books of philosophy which epitomise all the philosophical systems from Anaximander to Bergson, picking out one for special merit and generally examining all the others through the medium of this one alone. Such an arrangement has its merits, and many of us have profited much by some of the great histories of philosophy. But Prof. Muirhead has adopted a plan almost the exact reverse of this in his volume of "personal statements" by the leading living philosophical thinkers. Here each man is given his pulpit and upholds his own pet system. We have the advantage of constructive statement instead of demolition. We have the advantage of too, of variety in theory as well as in style and manner of approach. Here we have altars to, and incense burned before, Hegel, Plotinus, Bergson, Protagoras, Kant and many others; idealism is cheek by jowl with atomic realism. The writers are sixteen in number and they form the leaders of philosophic thought in Great Britain.

If we may express a personal opinion we think Prof. Wildon Carr's the most scholarly statement. This does not mean that it represents the system of thought which we like best. As masterly statements, too, we should mention those by Prof. Lloyd Morgan and Mr. Broad. We merely single out these because they seem to us excellent

impartial statements of what the writers wished to say.

Throughout the whole set of statements there is indeed a wonderful freedom from partiality due to partisanship which disfigures so much so-called philosophical writing. Every reader of philosophy will remember how rather Newman can begin a philosophical book with an innocent looking syllogism one premise of which is something like "my sainted mother told me the moon was made of green cheese." By page 50 the moon is made of green cheese, and by page 200 "my sainted mother" has been metamorphosed into "Holy Mother Church." Thus by a series of subtle fallacies black is proved to be white. In this book we are saved from much of this—some of the writers even adopting that philosophical detachment so wonderfully developed in Hume. In the present volume Bishop Temple is the worst sinner. It may be all very well for him to tell us that he was brought up in a good and devout home, but what can be the advantage of knowing that he had never ceased from the age of twelve to be a "regular communicant." The only conclusion one can draw is that he got into a habit of going through certain ceremonies before he had the intelligence to understand what they meant. In the opinion of the present writer his contribution is the poorest in the book—but then the present writer never hopes to be a "regular communicant."

Dean Inge, too, seems scarcely to reach the level of some of his other writings. Indeed, he confesses in his foreword his consciousness of his imperfections in his philosophical equipment; and

we confess we always feel a deeper interest in his more spicy and less philosophical writings. We do not think a man who could write the following ought ever to have been made a President of the Aristotelian Society:—

"Modern science is well aware that the world with which it deals is a mental construction from very imperfect knowledge. The visible spectrum occupies only 1/27 of the known range of ethereal vibrations. We only see a small fraction of the colours which eyes differently constructed might see. The same is true of sound. We hear over a range of about eleven octaves. Our mental picture of the world is like that which would be conveyed to an audience by a musician who played on a piano, of which all but half a dozen notes were dumb. If that audience got any notion of a tune, the tune would be largely the work of their own imagination, and would be very unlike the tune composed by Mozart or Beethoven. In these circumstances, science aims at consistency rather than certainty."

The above quotation is not from the present volume but from his volumes on Plotinus; but a similar idea somewhat more cautiously worded is to be found in the present contribution.

On the whole we can say nothing but good for such an endeavour as this of Dr. Muirhead's. "With the mass of mankind," says one of the greatest nineteenth century critics rather sadly, "the love of speculative truth is among the weakest of impulses." Any endeavour, not to give them ready-made opinions, but to stir up the foundations of thought, is one of the most praiseworthy but thankless of undertakings.

—A. H. CROOK.

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A SCHOLAR'S PREJUDICES.

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Being himself a literary critic and therefore versed in such matters, Mr. George Saintsbury has wisely disarmed potential critics of his Second Scrap Book by reviewing, in the preface of the present volume, certain of the more disparaging reviews of his former Scrap Book. Authors possessed of less skilled powers of irony than Mr. Saintsbury might find this method a risky one, as calculated to provoke something even more severe the second time. But Mr. Saintsbury understands his weapons and his victims will not be eager to face his steel again. His ridicule, though subtle and delicate, is not always kind, and the merciless logic with which he analyzes and dissects the innocent fatuities of less exalted essayists should prove an effective deterrent to those who feel tempted to take liberties.

We will say frankly that, if any one else had written this scrap book, the chances are that it would have been dull and tedious, for it deals with a hundred and one unimportant subjects without making any attempt at continuity of thought and idea. But Mr. Saintsbury knows how to make scrap books amusing, for he can write nonsense with conviction. He has, moreover, the gift of using language that is in itself charming and, even if we are irritated by some of the more fantastic affections of his style, we can hardly fail to applaud the delicacy of his wit and the aptness of his epigrams.

Mr. Saintsbury's prejudices are of a decided nature, and it is his métier to criticize—not always kindly as we have noted, but with a wealth of satirical humour.

Upon certain subjects, he is quite unmeasured. The British Labour Party is one of the favourite butts for his wit, and he takes an obvious delight in ridiculing the crude and earnest utterances of its more prominent spokesmen. His ruthless analysis of certain portions of Mr. Philip Snowden's recent dissertation upon Socialism before the House of Commons is one of the finest gems in a dazzling collection.

TURQUOISE BLUE.

In South America I was accustomed to see dragon flies in rushing hordes and clouds, and in masses clinging like swarming bees to the trees; here we see them as single insects, but I once witnessed a beautiful effect produced by a large number of the common turquoise-blue dragon fly gathered at one spot, and this was in Hampshire. . . . It was a very bright windy morning in June, and the oak woods had been stripped of their young foliage by myriads of caterpillars, so that the sunlight fell untempered through the seemingly dead trees on the bracken that covered the ground below. Now, at one spot over an area of about half an acre, the bracken was covered with the common turquoise-blue dragon fly, clinging to the fronds, their heads to the wind, their long bodies all pointing the same way. They were nowhere close together, but very evenly distributed, about three to six inches apart, and the sight of the numberless slips of gem-like blue sprinkled over the billowy, vivid green fern was a rare and exceedingly lovely one.

—W. H. HUDSON.
in "Hampshire Days."

We have no room to mention here a tithe of the many subjects with which the pages of Mr. Saintsbury's Scrap Book are filled. A good deal of it, as might be expected, is devoted to literature and literary topics, and there is a characteristic essay on Sandwiches. Politics and social questions get a fair measure of attention, and the author has not omitted to tell us a little about himself. The only subject, however, upon which he has written at any length is Oxford, and in the first nine chapters of the book, under the heading of "Oxford Sixty Years Since," there are some delightful sketches of college life in the sixties. But the same high standard of artistic excellence is maintained throughout, and upon whatever subject Mr. Saintsbury elects to enlarge he does so with consummate grace and charm.

A CHINESE CHARLES LAMB.

Homewards I bend my steps. My fields, my gardens, are choked with weeds: should I not go? My soul has led a bondsman's life: why should I remain to pine? But I will waste no grief upon the past; I will devote my energies to the future. I have not wandered far astray. I feel that I am on the right track once again. Lightly, lightly, speeds my boat along, my garments fluttering to the gentle breeze. I inquire my route as I go. I grudge the slowness of the dawning day. From afar I descry my old home, and joyfully press onwards in my haste. The servants rush forth to meet me; my children cluster at the gate. The place is a wilderness; but there is the old pine tree and my chrysanthemums. I take the little ones by the hand, and pass in. . . . I loiter against the window in my new-found freedom. I look at the sweet children on my knee.

And now I take my pleasure in my garden. There is a gate, but it is rarely opened. I lean on my staff as I wander about or sit down to rest. I raise my head and contemplate the lovely scene. Clouds rise, unwilling, from the bottom of the hills; the weary bird seeks its nest again. Shadows vanish, but still I linger around my lonely pine. Home once more! I'll have no friendships to distract me hence. The times are out of joint for me; and what have I to seek from men? In the pure enjoyment of the family circle I will pass my days, cheering my idle hours with lute and book. . . . My husbandmen will tell me when spring-time is nigh, and when there will be work in the furrowed fields. Thither I shall repair by cart or by boat, through the deep gorge, over the dizzy cliff, trees bursting merrily into leaf, the streamlet swelling from its tiny source. . . . I want not wealth; I want not power; heaven is beyond my hopes. Then let me stroll through the bright hours as they pass, in my garden among my flowers; or I will mount the hill and sing my song, or weave my verse beside the limpid brook.

—Tao Ch'ien.
Translated by Herbert A. Giles, in "Chinese Literature."

"YET AGAIN."

[By Max Beerbohm.]

It is wholly impossible to review the books that some men write. What can one say of Machen, for instance, but that he is Machen? Or of de la Mare? Or, for that matter, of Max Beerbohm? Each is a poet and a personality in words, with a peculiarly individual flavour. But such things cannot be transferred. They cannot be interpreted by less skilful hands. They must be felt and tasted at the source to be relished.

This being so, I make no apology for the absence of scholarly discussion of man and work in this paper.

Instead, I should like to call your attention to a phrase that occurs in a delightful discussion of Whistler's writing, in "Yet Again." Somewhere in the course of this paper, Beerbohm, with his usual insight and understanding, writes, "No man who can finely grasp a big theme can play exquisitely round a little one."

This is good criticism; excellent when applied, as it was, to Whistler, but even better when applied to Beerbohm himself. Does not it make clear the peculiar genius of the man? There are many who can see through the great problems that beset the times. But how many can see round the small ones? A mere handful at best, and none with the inimitable grace and pleasantness of Beerbohm.

"Yet Again" is not a new book. It was first issued in 1909, and has since been out of print. No one has seen fit to revive it for the general reading public, to whom the first edition is prohibitive, because of its constantly mounting cost, until the present reprint. Yet it is a link in the Beerbohm progression, falling, as it does, almost midway between "More" and "And Even Now," and containing some of the most thoroughly satisfying of its author's works.

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San Francisco's Chinatown, London's Chinatown, Los Angeles' Chinatown—these places have their significance in fiction of the colourful type. Stories of opium smugglers, generations of them following the trade in their weird atmosphere of alleys and underground homes; tales of uncanny movements of life along shadowed streets and quick deaths with no traces of the hand that killed.

Such stories have been popular for a long time, since the earliest work of Frank Norris, Thomas Hardy and others. And stories of that kind come to print or screen that clearly are not repetitions of earlier ones. They have novelty.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHEFOO, March 11.
About a fortnight before the Chinese New Year, one of the local Chinese Banks, the Wei-hai-wei Agricultural and Commercial Savings Bank, suddenly closed its doors. A large number of its depositors were at the time in circulation, and the news caused alarm both among Chinese and foreigners. The Bank, however, was considered to be very sound, having rich and influential men at the head of it, and most thought that it would soon re-open. This the Bank did, but only for four days during which time they redeemed forty per cent of their notes. Their method was thus: If one held \$100, the Bank redeemed \$40 and returned the remaining \$60 worth of notes with the corners clipped, at the same time making promises that these would be redeemed shortly after the Chinese New Year Holidays were over. Unfortunately these promises have never been fulfilled, and note-holders, among whom are many Chinese tradespeople and working men, are patiently waiting for their money. Rumours are numerous, and it is difficult to get facts. Chinese official quarters are treating the whole matter in a very casual fashion, and although requests have been made by official foreign bodies for a thorough investigation, nothing much has yet been done.

A recent departure on home leave is Miss E. White, who is well known here as the capable senior nurse at the China Inland Mission Foreign Hospital.

Saturday, the 1st, was Register Holiday at the C. I. M. Schools, and consequently there was no football match against the local Club. However one took place on the 8th, resulting in a victory for the boys who won 3 goals to one. The Football Club were unable to turn out their full teams; one or two of the best members being unable to play, and boys took thorough advantage of this fact. If it had not been for the good work of Lilley, the Club goalie, and also the number of easy chances missed by the School Centre and Innies, the score would have been even higher. The weather was ideal, and there were consequently a considerable number of spectators. Ford scored the first goal for the School shortly before half time, and when play was resumed Kelly soon added another. Watch then scored another for the School, and it looked as if the Club were in for a bad time. They however made several spirited attacks, one ending in Fowleson scoring their one and only goal. On the Club side Stephenson in the Forward line and Lilley in goal were the outstanding figures. The School halves played a fine game.

One riding enthusiast has for some little time past been trying to get up Sunday paper hunts; and on Sunday afternoon, 2nd inst., the first hunt was held. The trail was laid by two or three "old hands" and a very pleasant hunt ensued, the weather being just ideal. The intention is to hold these hunts every Sunday while the weather permits, and a Cup is to be awarded at the end of the season to the rider who has gained the most points. Six points are awarded for 1st place, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, and one point for a finish. Mr. Donald was first home at the first hunt, Messrs. Kay and Villiers being second and third respectively. The second hunt was held on the afternoon of the 9th, when Mr. Donald, as last week's winner, laid the trail. Another very enjoyable hunt followed, the weather again being just right. This time Mr. Villiers won the day by a false lead. The struggle for second place was very keen, Miss Sugden eventually gaining it, closely followed by Mr. Swaine, who was even more closely pressed by Mr. Ralston. Many of the riders and their friends enjoyed the tiffin at Tong Hing's Bungalow, the rendezvous of the Country Club, whose members acted as hosts.

On Monday evening, 10th, Mr. Lautenschlager delivered a very interesting lecture on "Canada" at the C. I. M. Boys' School, where pupils of the Girls' and Boys' School and friends formed an appreciative audience. Mr. Lautenschlager, who is a Canadian born and bred, spoke in glowing terms of his native land, and left his hearers quite enthusiastic. I have not heard of any immediate departures for this land so fair, and deduce that Chefoo, China, must have its own charms. The flu has been quite prevalent, but we trust that it will soon be finished with now that the warmer weather is near.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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"TAI LEE" INQUIRY

HOW THE CAPTAIN WAS KILLED.

GUARD WHO SHOT THREE
PIRATES.

Thrilling accounts of the "Tai Lee" piracy were given yesterday by a couple of Indian guards at the resumed inquiry concerning the death of the late Captain John Willox, formerly Master of the vessel.

One guard, who was wounded in the fray, claimed to have shot three of the pirates.

He was on duty at No. 2 grille in the bows of the ship on the starboard side. He was inside the grille, which was locked, and he had the key in his pocket. After the ship left Wong Moon he did, he said, not open the grille at all until he was wounded after the commencement of the piracy when the key was taken from him. According to his story, told with much gusto, he kept on firing his rifle and revolver promiscuously and whenever he saw anybody like a pirate he took a pot shot at him. Eventually he was overpowered by four of five men who rushed at him and snatched his rifle.

Another guard, who was on duty on the port side, told how Captain Willox was shot. He described how just previous to the piracy the Captain came along and asked to be let through the grille to go to the lavatory. The grille was re-locked. The Captain returned three or four minutes later. Witness opened the grille and let him in, re-locking the grille afterwards. As he went towards the bridge witness heard three shots fired and he saw the Captain fall outside his room. Witness fired three shots towards the bridge. Just before he fired he saw a figure in the bow, but when he fired that figure had disappeared. Witness was then shot in the right thigh. This shot was fired through the grille. He did not see who fired it, as he was looking towards the bridge. He fired three more shots towards the bridge. He then took up his rifle and fired one shot when he was again wounded, this time in the left arm by a shot from the bridge. His rifle fell to the deck. Witness's assistant and a sailor came up and took his rifle and bandolier. They were both armed. The bosun's assistant secured the key, and opened the grille. Three or four men came through and they struck him with the muzzles of their revolvers.

Witness said he was taken into the saloon and together with four other guards had their hands tied behind. Ten minutes later they were ordered out on deck and on passing through the grille he noticed the bodies of an Indian guard and a Chinese lying by the grille. Witness and the others with him were taken to a bathroom in the stern of the vessel and confined there. After the pirates left they were released by the carpenter, \$110 in money was stolen from him.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appearing on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, remarked that it was a most extraordinary thing that the Chief Officer did not see the shots fired from the bridge as mentioned by the witness.

Regarding the truth of the statement of the Indian guard, who claimed that he had shot three of the pirates Mr. Brutton expressed a suspicion as to the veracity of the statement, when Mr. Percie mentioned that one of the pirates was taken below to have his leg dressed by a medicine man. This man, and the Chinese seen lying outside the grille, would account for two of the three claimed.

DANGER TO SHIPPING

Notice is given that recently damage has been caused to vessels, lying at wharves in the Back Reach, Canton, by the wash of steamers passing through the harbour at an excessive rate of speed. The attention of masters of vessels in the Back Reach is drawn to the fact that the wash of vessels shall not be allowed to be so close to other craft on the river. Non observance of this regulation renders the master of a vessel liable to prosecution in his Criminal Court.

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CHINA AND RUSSIA.

London, March 21.
Commenting on the strained Sino-Russian relations, the "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent says that in Moscow, should attempt to carry out its threat to invade Manchuria or other Chinese provinces on a substantial scale, a serious international situation might be created, thereby leading to the principle of Chinese territorial integrity laid down by the Powers and endorsed at the Washington Conference. The "Daily Mail" in an editorial charges the Bolsheviks with plotting against the peace of China and attempting to stir up trouble of every kind. It declares that Bolshevik control of the all important Chinese Eastern Railway as demanded by the Soviet Government would mean the destruction of business and efficiency with the result that the Japanese lines to Port Arthur and Korea would lose their Manchurian traffic and cease to pay. Japan therefore is certain to give quiet support to China in case of a threat of war. It does not seem probable that China is in any serious danger.—Reuter.

London, March 21.
The "Daily News" diplomatic correspondent writes that it is unlikely that the Russians will resort to military measures in Manchuria but that if they do, the western Powers will undoubtedly take action.—Reuter.

"KOREA MARU" FIRE.

SHANGHAI, March 21.
The "Korea Maru" arrived at Wusung at noon with Number Three held there. The crew, assisted by the Shanghai Fire Brigade, extinguished the outbreak. The damage was slight. The T.K.K. office announced that the vessel will sail according to schedule to-morrow for Hongkong.—Reuter.

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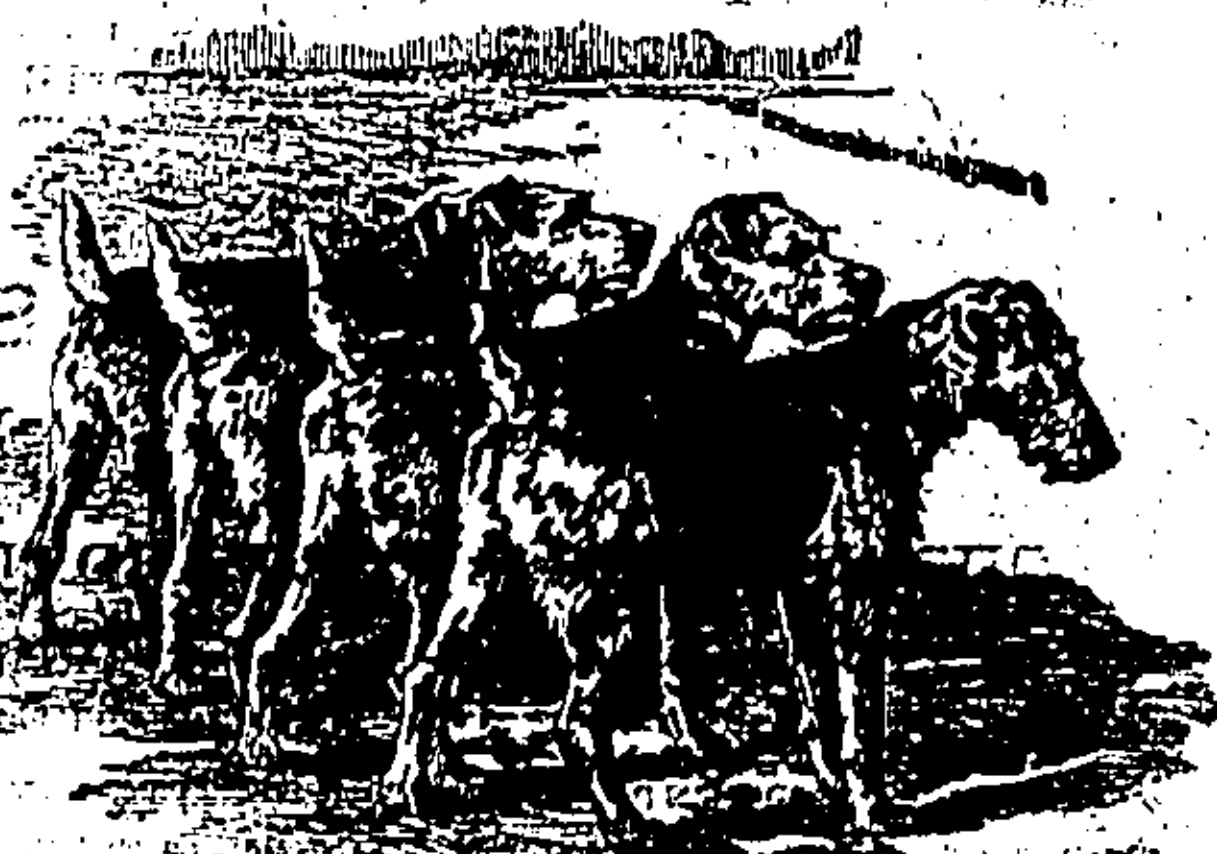
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Viscount Leverhulme, famous soap manufacturer, one of England's wealthiest men, who boasts that he is a self-made man, has completed a tour of the world via Australia and New Zealand.



Mr. James O'Grady, Labour Member of Parliament for the southeast division of Leeds who, it is stated unofficially, is being considered by Mr. MacDonald for appointment as British Ambassador to Soviet Russia. Mr. O'Grady has made a study of Russian affairs and visited Moscow officially in 1917 and again in 1922 in connection with the trade union famine relief movement.



Gaudily dressed and highly perfumed, Battling Siki Senegalese conqueror of Georges Carpentier, was arrested recently on a charge of being drunk and disorderly after he had thrown to passers-by most of a \$700 bankroll he carried.



Premier Machado, who has taken oath of office as head of the new Portuguese National Government, at Lisbon. The new Cabinet has been formed upon the resignation of the old one. Machado is prominent politically and has held many distinguished offices.



This is the first photograph to come abroad of Dr. Wilhelm Marx, newly appointed German Chancellor, to whom has been given power of a Dictator.



General Debeney, famous French soldier, who has been made chief of the French Army General Staff, succeeding General Buel, who died recently. It was General Debeney, at the head of his troops, who stopped the German drive towards Amiens in 1918, and re-captured Montdidier, with 12,000 German prisoners.



Viscount Haldane, Lord Chancellor in the Labour Cabinet formed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.



New photograph of Mr. William Butler Yeats, famous Irish author who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. He is one of the best known of the literary lights of the new Irish Nationalist School, and he has drawn widely upon his native Irish legend and life for his works.

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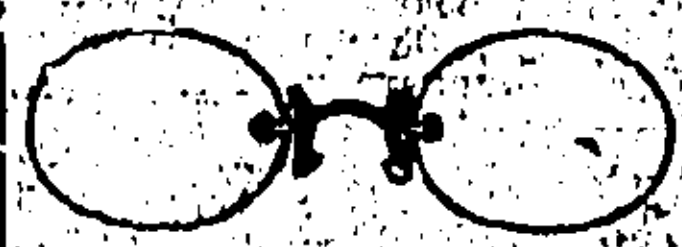
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